Exchanges planned for 1995-96 in Kerala, 18 Exchanges could not be commissioned due to non availability of building/equipment.

(c) The names of districts where the Exchanges have not yet started functioning, are Cannanore, Kasaragod, Wynad, Trichur, Ernakulam, Kottayam, Quilon and Trivendrum.

Telecasting of News in Kannada

1871. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bangalore Doordarshan is telecasting news in Kannada during morning;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to telecast the news in Kannada in morning?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). It has not been found possible to telecast a kannada news bulletin in the morning from Doordarshan Kendra, Bangalore due to constraints of resources such as manpower, hardware and other infrastructural facilities.

Tourism in Madhya Pradesh

1872. SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the proposals approved and being implemented to encourage tourism in Madhya Pradesh during the year 1995-96; and

(b) the amount sanctioned for each of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) Promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State/Union Territory Governments. However, the Department of Tourism, Government of India extends financial assistance to the State/Union Territory Governments on the basis of specific project proposals received based on their merits, interse priority and availability of funds. No proposal was received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh during 1995- 96.

Dead Body in Indian Airlines Aircraft

1873. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been invited to the news item captioned "Body left to stink in IA aircraft" appearing in The Hindustan Times, New Delhi, Dates July 5, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) the action taken against the Indian Airlines officials involved in the incident; and

(d) the measures taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A coffin on flight from Ahmedabad which landed at Delhi on the night of 29.6.96 was off-loaded next morning. One Senior Traffic Superintendent, two Traffic Assistants and three Loaders have been placed under suspension. Indian Airlines have also initiated disciplinary action against the concerned staff.

(d) Detailed guidelines have been issued by Indian Airlines to all concerned to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future.

[Translation]

Pending projects in Delhi

1874. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some welfare projects of National Capital Territory of Delhi are pending with the Government for approval at present;

(b) if so, the project-wise details thereof as on date and the date from which these projects are pending with/under consideration of the Government;

(c) the reasons for delay in this regard;

(d) the estimated cost thereof; and

(e) the time by which these projects are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE BALWANT SINGH (SHRI B.S. RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Yes, sir.

(b) and (d). Reply to (a) and (d) is given in the enclosed *statement*.

(c) The delay in desposal of these projects is due to inter-ministerial consultations, consultation with the Planning Commission and with the Internal finance of the Ministry of Welfare.

(c) No time fame can be given at this stage.

STATEMENT

The details of the welfare projects of the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi pending for approval of the Ministry of Welfare, Government of India, are as follows:-

1	(a)	Merit Scholarship to college students belonging to SCs/STs Cost Rs. 200 Lakhs	- Under considera tion since December, '94.
	(b)	Pro-Examination Coaching Centre at Dilshad Garden Cost Rs. 10 lakhs	- Under considera-tion since November, 1995

(c)	Providing State Guarantee for loans to be advanced by National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Financial Development Corporation and National Backward Classes Financial Development Corporation to Delhi State Scheduled Castes Financial Development Corporation for Economic development of SCs/STs.	Under consideration since December, 1995

2. The under mentioned schemes received in the Ministry of Welfare have been referred for inter-ministerial consultation to the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

(a)	Merit-cum-means Scholarship to college students of economically depressed section Cost Rs.200 lakhs	Under consideration since December, 1994
(b)	Special incentive for school going children of denOtified tribes Cost Rs 1 00 lakh	Under consideration since December, 1994

3. As regards revision of criteriA in respect of financial assistance to SCs for self employment in Small and Cottage Industries The matter has been referred to the Planning commission for their approval and inclusion of the schemes in Annual Plan 1996-97.

[English]

Telephone Exchanges in Kerala

1875 SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN
SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH
SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges in Kerala as on June 30,1996 district-wise;

(b) the number of telephone connections provided during the last two years and proposed to be provided during 1996-97 district-wise;

(c) the number of subscribers and the number of applications pending for telephone connections in the State as on June 30, 1996 district-wise;

(d) the schemes formulated or proposed to be formulated for expansion of telephone exchanges and setting up of new telephone exchanges/electronic exchanges in Kerala during 1996-97 and 1997-98; and

(e) the details thereof, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The number of telephone exchanges in Kerala as on 30th June, 1996, District-wise, are as per attached Statement-I.

(b) The number of telephone connections provided during 1994-95, 1995-96 and proposed to be provided during 1996-97, district-wise are as per attached statement-II.

(c) The number of subscribers and the number of applications pending for telephone connections in Kerala as on 30th June, 1996, district-wise are as per attached statement-III.

(d) and (e) Schemes formulated or proposed to be formulated for expansion of telephone exchanges and setting up of new telephone exchange/electronic Exchanges in Kerala during 1996-97, district-wise are as per attached statement IV. Schemes for 1997-98 have not been finalised.

STATEMENT-I

The Number of Telephone Exchanges in Kerala State as on 30.6.96 is furnished below district-wise

S No	Name of the District	No. of Telephone Exchanges
1	Trivandrum	49
2	Pathanamthitta	40
3	Kottayam	60
4	Idukki	64
5	Palghat	71
6	Kozhikode	56
7	Kannur	67
8	Quilon	58
9	Alleppey	38
10	Ernakulam	86
11	Trichur	55
12	Malappuram	50
13	Wynad	20
14	Kasaragod	41
	Totol of Kerala State	755

STATEMENT-II

The number of telephone connections provided during 1994-95 and 1995-96 and the number of telephone connections proposed to be provided during 1996-97 are as follows :

S No	Name of the District	No of connection provided during 1994-95	1995-96	No of connection proposed to be Provided in 1996-97
1	2	3	4	5
1	Trivandrum	10442	15507	21000
2	Pathanamthitta	4068	6610	17000